

HOUSE RESOLUTION 19

By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joyce Marie England Stacey of White Bluff.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those estimable individuals who, with conviction of spirit and great resolve, have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Joyce Marie England Stacey is one such estimable individual who has devoted herself to being a professional of the greatest ability as a school bus driver for forty-two years in Dickson County; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Irene England and Orville Montgomery, Mrs. Stacey's life has been distinguished by resilience and strength from a young age; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Stacey, a twin, was born at home February 26, 1931, in White Bluff, Tennessee, while her father, who had left on horseback, was retrieving the doctor for the home delivery; and

WHEREAS, the creeks had frozen the winter night of Joyce Stacey's birth and her mother had already brought young Joyce and sister, Lois, into the world by the time their father had arrived with the doctor; the twins were children number four and five in a family of ten children; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart servant of the Lord, Mrs. Stacey has been an active member of the Church of Christ all of her life; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Stacey enjoys the love and companionship of her devoted husband of 60 years, Fred L. Stacey; the Staceys are active members of their church and have opened their loving home to numerous foster children; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Stacey is the proud mother of three daughters, Cathy, Lisa, and Denise, who passed at a young age to her great reward, and she is the devoted grandmother of five grandchildren: Melissa, Amanda, Jessica, Alexander, and Stacey, and great-grandmother of nine great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, one month after the passing of her oldest daughter Denise, Mrs. Stacey began working as a substitute school bus driver for Dickson County Schools, becoming a full-time school bus driver on April 9, 1970; this year marks forty-two years of excellence as a professional school bus driver; and

WHEREAS, this inspiring individual credits her bus driving as the opportunity to transform tragedy into blessing, and she came to cherish the interactions she had with other drivers, parents, and children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stacey has received numerous awards over the years, including Bus Driver of the Month several times, along with a number of perfect attendance records; she has received high praise from many parents, and many of the children she is in care of are the children and grandchildren of former students; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career as a school bus driver, Joyce Stacey has demonstrated the utmost ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the students under her watchful care and their thankful parents; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to honor and recognize this remarkable woman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Joyce Marie England Stacey for her outstanding service to the citizens of this great State as one of our many dedicated, professional school bus drivers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.